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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	56967 DIV
First Inventor	Eric YARBROUGH
Title	AUTOMATED BULK BOX STRAPPER
Express Mail Label No.	ER 195420618 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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Prior application information:

Examiner Thanh K. TRUONG

Art Unit: 3721

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the: ☐ Design ☒ Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR: Eric YARBROUGH

ENTITLED: AUTOMATED BULK BOX STRAPPER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 17 page(s) of written description, claims (18 total) and abstract (1 pg.).
- ☒ 7 sheet(s) of drawings (Informal, Figs. 1-12).
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to:
- ☒ Executed declaration of the inventor – copy from parent application 09/757,172.
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
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Title: AUTOMATAED BULK BOX STRAPPER

TC/A.U.: Parent Appln: 3721
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5. Preliminary Amendment (10 pp.),
6. Specification (as originally filed, 17 pp., 18 claims, 1 pg. Abstract),
7. Informal Drawings (as originally filed, 7 Sheets, Figs. 1-12),
8. Declaration (2pp., as originally filed),
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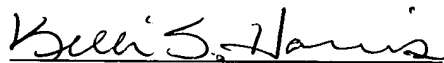
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Subject to the approval of the examiner, please enter the attached seven (7) sheets of formal drawings, containing figures 1-12, in substitution for the drawings originally filed.

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